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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS:

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Examiner: B. M. Fubara

PATENT NO.: **09/918,127** :

FOR: **Pharmaceutical Compositions of
Cholesteryl Ester Transfer Protein Inhibitor :**

FILED: **July 30, 2001**

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED FEBRUARY 23, 2005

This is in response to the Final Official Action dated February 23, 2005 in the above-identified application, the term for response having been extended one (1) month by including the appropriate fee and petition herewith. Existing claims have not been currently amended, although three new claims have been added. A complete listing of all claims currently under consideration, including the status of each claim, is attached.

REMARKS

As a preliminary matter, please note the Request For Continued Examination (RCE) enclosed herewith.

As a further preliminary matter, please note the Information Disclosure Statement enclosed herewith.

Claims 1-96 are pending. Claims 11-16 and 19-34 were previously withdrawn due to an election-of-species requirement.

Claims 1-10, 17, 18, and 35-96 were rejected as discussed below.